(घ) भारतीय खाद्य निगम के निदेशक मंडल ने बजट को मंजूरी देते समय, खर्च में कमी करने के लिए 1992–93 के लिए लागत में कमी करने संबंधी एक कार्यक्रम तैयार किया है जिसमें प्रशासनिक खर्चों में कमी करना, भंडारण स्थान का अधिकतम इष्टतम उपयोग करना, रेल सड़क भाड़े के खर्च में कमी करना और अनाज को हानि पर रोक लगाना शामिल है । लागत कार्य-निष्पादन पर निगरानी रखना एक सतत प्रक्रिया है ।

(ङ) वर्ष 1991–92 के लेखों को अभी अन्तिम रूप नहीं दिया गया है ।

Stock Holding limits of Wheat and Rice

@@@4126. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently notified reduction of stock holding limit of wheat and rice;

(b) if so, the limit item-wise and State and Union-territory-wise;

(c) the circumstances responsible for such notification;

(d) whether Government propose to undertake surprise checks to ensure observance of these instructions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The limits fixed are uniform throughout the oountry.

Item	Cateory	Maximum stock-holding limits
Rice	Wholesalers	250 qtls.
	Retailers	50 qtls.
	Rice Millers	500 qtls.
Wheat	Wholesalers	250 qtls.
	Retailers	50 qtls.
	Roller Flour Mills	15 days' grinding capacity of a mill.

(c) Reduction in the maximum stock-limits because necessary to augment availability and to contain price rise of wheat and rice in open market.

(b) and (c) The States/Union Territories have been requested to enforce the reduced-stock-limits of wheat and rice vigorously.

Supply of jute|plastic bags to FCI

4127. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the amount paid to the contractors for the supply of jute bags and plastic bags, during the last three years by the Food Corporation of India including the accounts of all bids and LI alongwith the parties entrusted with the job to supply the bags;

(b) whether it is a fact that LI parties have been ignored and LII and LIII have been given contract works; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the transporters, regionwise for the last three years;

(d) whether it is a fact that only a particular set of contractors is entrusted with the transporting jobs, if so, the reasons therefor; and

@@@Previously Unstarred Question 2292, transferred from the 12th March, 1992.

(e) the steps taken by Government to inquire into the matter and to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (e) The Food Corporation of India (FCI) purchases B. Twill jute bags by placement of indents on Directorate General of Supply & Disposals, Calcutta at prices fixed by the Jute Commissioner (Ministry of Textiles), Calcutta, under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 who allots the quantities of jute bags to be supplied by various jute mills. No open tender enquiry is floated by FCI for purchase of jute bags. The jute bags are transported by the supplier mills to the consignee destinations normally by rail on frieght pre-paid basis. Railway freight is reimbursed by FCI along with cost of the bills.

Since 100 per cent packaging of foodgrains in jute packaging is Compulsory under the Jute Packaging Material (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987, no plastic bags are procured by FCI procurement of foodgrains.

Commissioner for women's rights

4128. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be peased to state:

(a) the existing schemes and those on anvil aimed at improving the lot of women;

(b) whether the National Commission for women has started functioning and what is the scope of its activities

(c) whether there is any proposal to appoint a Commissioner for Women's Rights; and

(d) if so, when this appointment is likely to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMTA BANERJEE): (a) to (d) The Department of Women and Child Development is implementing the following schemes which aim at improving the lot of women;

1. Construction/Expansion of Hostel Building for Working Women with a Day Care Centre;
2. Support to Training-cum-Employment Programme for Women (STEP);
3. Scheme for the Setting up of Women's Development Corporations;
4. Sport Stay Homes for Women and Girls;
5. Setting up Women's Training Centres/Institutions for Rehabilitation of Women in Distress;
6. Setting up of Employment and Income Generating Training-cum-Employment-cum-Production Units for Women (NORAD);
7. Education Work for Prevention of Atrocities on Women;
8. Condensed Courses of Education and Vocational Training Programmes for Women;
9. Socio-Economic Programme, and
10. Awareness Generation Projects;

Some new initiatives for the development of Women are on the anvil. These include the Integrated programme for the development of women, the establishment of a National Credit Fund for Women and the setting up of the Office of the Commissioner for Women's Rights.

The Government has already set up the National Commission for Women on 31.1.1992.

The main objectives of the Commission are to investigate, examine and review all matters relating to the safeguards provided for Women under the constitution and other laws for their effective implementation and necessary amendments and to function as an agency to